

Final Rule – Effective December 23, 2005



Water Works Operator Certification

Chapter 246-292 WAC

Operators and Water Systems Affected

All certified water works operators, backflow assembly testers, and all Community, Non-Transient Non-Community, and designated Transient Non-Community Group A water systems.

Timelines and Requirements

December 23, 2005

Date when all affected operators and water systems are subject to the revised fees.

Purpose of Rule Change

The law requires the department to run a self-supporting program. Due to a significant loss of federal funding combined with substantial increases in staff salaries and rent, the department has adopted a fee increase above the Initiative 601 limit as approved by the 2005 legislature. The new fees are listed on the second page of this notice.

Rule Development Timeline

September 2005	Draft rule prepared
October 25, 2005	Public hearing
November 22, 2005	Rule adoption date
December 23, 2005	Rule effective date

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http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/dw/Our_Main_Pages/regula.htm

New Fee Tables

Annual Water Works Operator Certification Fees

Application Fee		
Operator Classification	Current Fee	New Fee
Water Treatment Plant Operator	\$68	\$87
Water Distribution Manager	\$68	\$87
Water Distribution Specialist	\$68	\$87
Cross-Connection Control Specialist	\$40	\$51
Backflow Assembly Tester	\$40	\$51
Basic Treatment Operator	\$40	\$51

Reapplication and/or Annual Renewal Fees		
Operator Classification	Current Fee	New Fee
Water Treatment Plant Operator	\$33	\$42
Water Distribution Manager	\$33	\$42
Water Distribution Specialist	\$33	\$42
Cross-Connection Control Specialist	\$33	\$42
Backflow Assembly Tester	\$33	\$42
Basic Treatment Operator	\$33	\$42

Late Fee		
Operator Classification	Current Fee	New Fee
Water Treatment Plant Operator	\$27	\$35
Water Distribution Manager	\$27	\$35
Water Distribution Specialist	\$27	\$35
Cross-Connection Control Specialist	\$27	\$35
Backflow Assembly Tester	\$27	\$35
Basic Treatment Operator	\$27	\$35

Fees are rounded to the nearest dollar.

Annual Water System Fee for Operator Certification

System Size	Current Fee	New Fee
Less than 601 service connections	\$103	\$132
601 through 6,000 service connections	\$313	\$403
6,001 through 20,000 service connections	\$417	\$536
More than 20,000 service connections	\$629	\$809

Fees are rounded to the nearest dollar.